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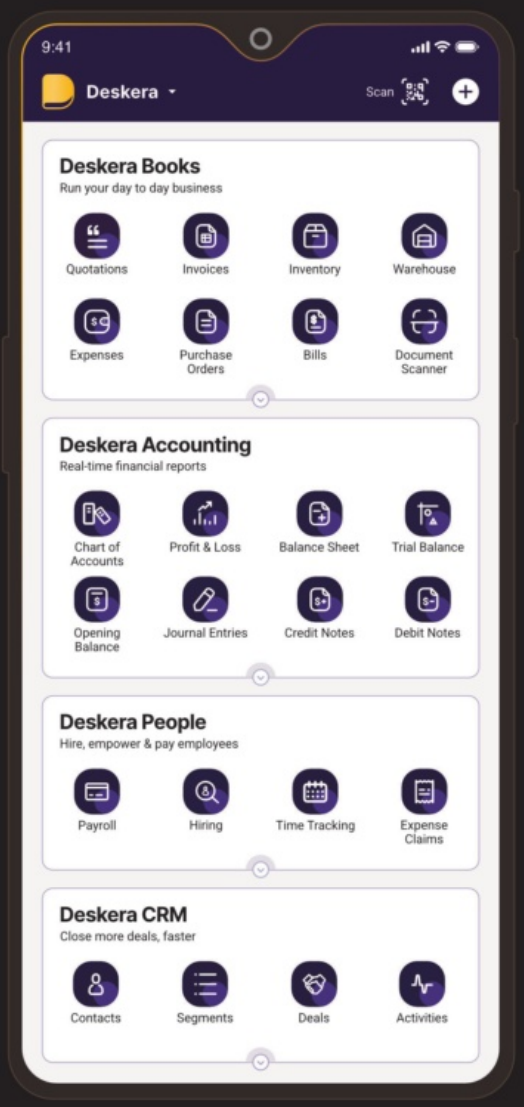

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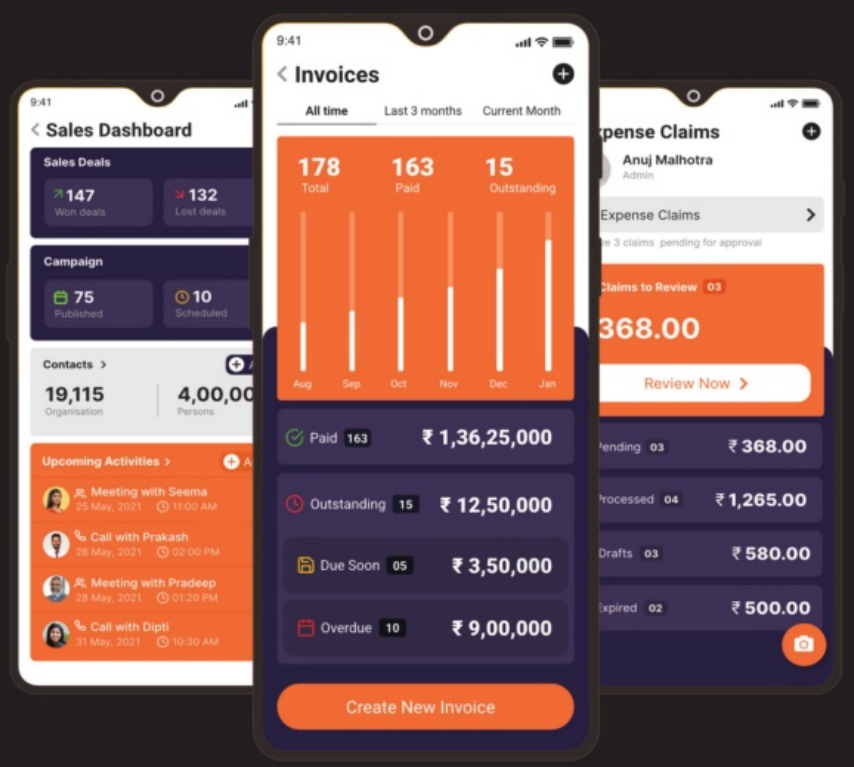

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Poor farmers near Nandi Hills have now access to free medical care thanks to a volunteer medical practitioner from Bengaluru

THE GOOD DOCTOR

Ex-serviceman doc comes every Sunday with medicines

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Most of us residing in Bengaluru and elsewhere would want to spend weekends relaxing and unwinding. But for a retired Bengaluru doctor, weekends are a time to give back to the society, especially at locations where reach of medical services is minimal.

For the past two years, the doctor's weekend visit to Nandi Hills has been a life saver for those in the area unable to afford private medical care.

Sixty eight-year-old Dr AC Praveen Kumar visits the hills every Sunday. He would be at his small charity clinic, attending to patients suffering from various ailments.

"For 35 years of my life, I served the army and navy. I began my career in a submarine and served in warships. Having specialised as a physician, I was able to treat a wide range of patients. In 2000, I started to feel that I should return to Bengaluru. I left the army and joined Vydehi Medical College as a gastroenterology professor; trained a

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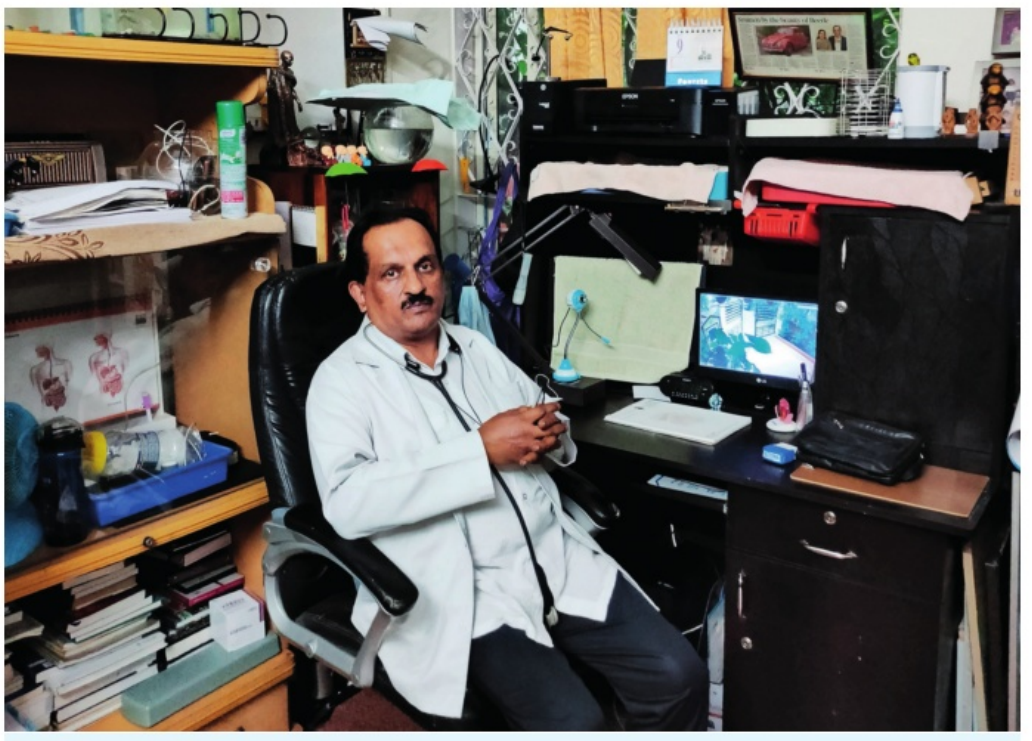

"There is an acute shortage of doctors especially for serving the economically backward who cannot afford private healthcare. — Dr AC Praveen Kumar

How to dispose of vet waste

'Most of medical waste generated by veterinary facilities not effectively managed'

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Pet owners in Bengaluru strive to take maximum care of their furry best friends. However, they are not aware that improper disposal of biomedical animal waste adds to the city's rising pollution and has definitive environmental consequences.

Meanwhile, some pet owners in the city confessed they are not aware of the proper ways of disposing animal waste.

Ashraf K, a pet owner residing in Hebbal, said, "Just a few months ago, my pet dog Tasha was diagnosed with Parvo virus. My dog had developed the tendency of injuring herself, so I called the doctor home. After checking my dog, he would give me the waste to throw in the dustbin and I would do that."

Ishika Naik, a pet owner residing in Bannerghatta, said, "I got a puppy from a pet shop in the month of January. However, after three weeks, it contracted Parvo virus and died after four days of treatment. I got another puppy, as a replacement from a breeder. However, after a few days the second puppy also died. I cremated both puppies at a regular crematorium."

Naik added that she did not seek any

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 It's time for women in music

Wacken Foundation cooperation with Bangalore Open Air and the Embassy of the United States of America in New Delhi is hosting a workshop for young and passionate women. This is to bring rock enthusiasts from across the country. The discussion panel will have women from different backgrounds in the music industry.
When: July 2, 11 am; Where: Indian Music Experience Museum; Tickets: Free

02 Let us go green!

The third edition of the Green Vehicle Expo is being organized. It will display electric and hybrid vehicles, bikes, scooters, cars, LCV, HCV, Trucks, battery-powered vehicles, spare parts, accessories/components, Batteries, GPS systems OEM suppliers and allied industry. The event will be inaugurated by GovernorShri Thaawar Chand Gehlot.
When: July 1- July 3, 10 am to 5:30 pm
Where: Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC); Tickets: Free

03 Are you ready to laugh out loud?

Some of Bengaluru's favourite comedians are going to try their new material on stage. Artists such as Neelkash Mathur, Harman Preet Singh and many more will be performing.
When: June 27- July 1, 8:30 pm
Where: Flax Healthy Living: Bengaluru
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

Indian students may bid adieu to foreign dream

Sustenance has become tough for students who are already abroad due to the sinking rupee

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Even with financial aid from universities, living abroad can be quite expensive for Indian students

With the Indian rupee's value depreciating each week against the US dollar, the dream of studying in universities abroad is diminishing for Indian students. Prashant, 22, had received an acceptance letter from his dream university in Pennsylvania, US recently. Although he was able to bag a partially funded scholarship, he still had to rely on student loans for his travel, accommodation and living expenses. "Even after receiving a partial ride, it is a huge expense. My loan agent asked me to take the rate of inflation into consideration while calculating the costs. We often overlook that factor and it ends up costing us out of our own pockets. Currently, it is very expensive, and we are also looking at other options like New Zealand that might be a little more affordable," he said.

For students who are already living abroad, sustenance has become harder as the living expenses and tuition fee keeps rising. Utkarsh P, a student living in Connecticut, US, said, "All the Indian students in our university have to work part-time for their accommodation and living expenses. We only get the tuition fee from our parents, and even that is a huge cost for them. For the two years of my course, we had paid a higher tuition fee every semester as the Indian rupee was depreciating."

Even with financial aid from universities and private organisations, living expenses in foreign countries can be quite high for Indian students.

Prabuddha Prakash, a 26-year-old research scholar at the University of Tennessee in the US, said, "Being an international student, managing finances is always hard, and you always try to stride on whatever the university pays you as a graduate student."

"Ukraine war, internal factors, covid and the Chinese lockdown has affected its values, among other factors – Arundhati Agte, Economist

Arundhati Agte, an economist, shared some reasons behind the value of the rupee sinking, and how it impacts education.

"Rupee depreciation has been pretty sharp since February. Ukraine war, internal factors, covid, and the Chinese lockdown over the last few months have all affected its value, among other factors. Naturally, this will raise the expenses of students wanting to go abroad for education, and mainly those aiming to go to countries like Canada or USA. Most of the expenses are on the tuition fee and living, but one also needs to take into account food and transport. This raises the cost of loans," Agte said.

Banks mostly take the depreciation factors into consideration, she further said, adding that parents and students may not realise the currency fluctuations, leading to an impact on their corpus.

Currently, the value of the Indian rupee stands at 78.25 against the US dollar. The rupee has remained weak for eight straight weeks amid growing concerns over aggressive monetary policy tightening by central banks globally.

Experts have even predicted that the rupee might slide to as low as 81 in the next 5-6 months.

Kempegowda Utsav to be held today

Rath Yatra featuring cultural troupes to be held in remembrance of Bengaluru founder

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The programme will be inaugurated by Sri Niramalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Math and Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwathnarayan

To commemorate the 513th Birth anniversary of Bengaluru founder Kempegowda, Kempegowda Utsav will be jointly organised by Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror on Monday.

The programme will include a Rath Yatra accompanied by the cultural troupes to spread the message of Kempegowda. Kempegowda laid the foundation stone for Bengaluru and it was his vision that has made Bengaluru a global city today. All arrangements have been made to remember and spread the message of Kempegowda and his contributions. The programme will be officially launched from Kempegowda Tower near Mehkri Circle. The yatra with cultural troupes will then proceed towards Windsor Manor square, Chalukya Circle, Maharani's College, KR Circle, Hudson Circle, Corporation, and Urvashi Theatre Road before culminating at Kempegowda Tower atop Lalbagh rock.

The programme will be inaugurated by Sri Niramalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Math and Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwathnarayan. Vokkaliga Development Board chairman and Bengaluru South MLA M Krishnappa, Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha president and Shravanabelagola MLA CN Balakrishna, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Heritage Area Development Authority commissioner Vinay Deep will be the chief guests.

Power play: Using too much electricity? Pay a deposit

Bengalureans start getting notices for 'overuse' of electricity

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Have you received a notice from BESCOM along with your power bill? Well, it just means that you are consuming more than your average power in the last few months.

As per the notice, you need to pay an additional security deposit (ASD) within a month failing which your power connection will be disconnected even if you have already paid your monthly electricity bill.

Starting this month, BESCOM personnel have been visiting households to serve notices. According to Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) rules, ASD is calculated based on power consumption and bill generated. The distribution licensee requires from any person, who needs electricity supply to his/her premises to pay a security deposit.

All the consumers at all times should maintain with the licensee (BESCOM) an amount equivalent to fixed charges/demand charges plus energy charges corresponding to consumption for 75 days as initial security towards the electricity supplied against any default in payment during the period the agreement for supply of energy is in force.

The amount of security deposit is reviewed by BESCOM in the first quarter of every financial year based on the average consumption for the preceding financial year. Based on this review, demand for shortfall or refund of excess will be collected. In case of existing consumers (other than irrigation pumpsets) additional security deposit is demanded.

When the current deposit held falls short of the average bill amount corresponding to 75 days' consumption, it is calculated based on the consumption in the preceding financial year. Additional security deposit will not be collected till deposit held falls short of the average bill amount corresponding to 75 days' consumption calculated based on the consumption in the preceding financial year. If the deposit held is more than the average bill amount corresponding to 75 days' consumption of the preceding financial year, BESCOM will refund excess deposit held, in monthly instalments, not exceeding six through adjustments in monthly bills of the same financial year. If the consumer fails to give such security, BESCOM has rights to refuse to supply electricity, the rules state.

"As per the notice, you need to pay an additional security deposit within a month failing which your power connection will be disconnected even if you have already paid your monthly electricity bill

However, consumers are not happy with this move. "As the electricity charges are revised regularly, the power bill goes up gradually and every consumer will have to shell out ASD. As power connection is for lifetime, we will never get back the security deposit which we have paid," said Srujan S, a college student.

Meanwhile, with online payment, the customers are forced to visit the BESCOM offices or collection points to pay the ASD as there is no provision for paying it online as of now.

Trash out: 8 bags full

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The Sarakki lake, also called the Jaraganahalli lake in JP Nagar, used to host a large number of migratory birds. But of late, the condition of the lake is such that even these guests cannot make the lake their halting station. On Sunday, however, there was some clean-up activity at the lake by the Sarakki Lake Area Improvement Trust (SLAIT), Indian ploggers army along with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

A large quantity of waste like cloth waste, shampoo packets, footwear and plastic waste was thrown around the lake bed. The dry waste was collected by the citizens in trash bags. By the end of the activity, over eight big bags full of trash was collected, which was later given to the BBMP pourakarmikas for disposal.

The lake had earlier been encroached upon, and over 200 encroachments were said to be found. Complaints from SLAIT, prompted the BBMP to lead a clearance drive.

However, as years passed by, the lake was filled with weed, which also was cleaned up. Sewage also keeps flowing into the lake.

"There have been regular visitors to the lake. However the lake is not maintained. People tend to throw waste around the premises and it is left uncleared. We then carried out the clean up in order to keep the lake surroundings clean," said a resident.

BBMP marshals were also present at the drive. "BBMP marshals helped clear the trash out. With the plog run, many citizens have now taken it upon them to ensure that the lake is clean. As and when the surroundings are seen dirty, residents of the area clean it up," said a resident.

Banned meds easily available OTC in Bengaluru

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Ban or not, several drugs are being widely sold over the counter at pharmacies in the city without prescription.

Nimisha George, a Bengalurean, recently experienced severe wrist pain. On asking her friend about this, the friend suggested she take Nimesulide. Nimisha went to the pharmacy close to her home and got a strip of the medicine without any hassle.

Nimesulide, however, is among the several drugs banned by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. People who have used medicines like this and Oxybuta told BM they usually have it after examining its effects before or take them based on advice from someone known to them.

Nimisha said, "When I told my friend about the wrist pain, she suggested this medicine to me. I had no idea that it was banned. The person at the pharmacy gave it to me without any prescription."

Vinith S, a worker at a pharmacy in Dasarahalli, said he has given medicines without prescriptions several times. He said, "People have asked for

Nimesulide and other painkillers. They usually are in a hurry, and they say that they are in a lot of pain as well."

Doctors say that the banned medicines can have severe side effects. They can also be habit-forming. Dr Medhavi Agarwal, a general physician, said, "These medicines can have a severe impact on the body. There is a high chance that these drugs can adversely affect the kidney, liver as well as digestion. The most frequent liver condition that can arise is liver cirrhosis which is lifelong liver damage. If the consumption is not monitored, then the outcomes will be even more dangerous."

Dr Priyanka Shetty, community health specialist, said the rule must be strictly enforced and the implementation of penalties needs to be stricter. "Ideally, they should be a rule that without prescription you can't get it or if it's banned then you cannot manufacture it." She added that it is important to have a system where pharmaceutical companies and medical stores are monitored so that they do not sell drugs that are banned.

Bhangoji Khanapure, State Drugs Controller, Government of Karnataka, said, "If anyone manufactures or sells banned drugs here, I will take action as per the law."

KHB has a concrete idea to fill potholes, but it's terrible

No manpower, so filling craters with cement is all it can do, says Housing Board

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Generally, potholes on asphalted roads are filled with 'hot mix' or 'cold mix', but Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) has come up with a unique idea of filling potholes with cement concrete used for construction of buildings. The reason for the KHB using cement concrete is that it has no machinery or manpower to fill up potholes.

Using this idea, the KHB has filled up potholes and craters on roads at Bande Mutt Layout - the one layout the body has been maintaining with reluctance for over a decade.

They have been trying to hand over the layout in Kengeri Ward to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), but in vain.

"We have no machinery and manpower to fill up potholes at par with the BBMP. We have tried to rope in a BBMP engineer to fill up potholes, but he refused stating that Bande Mutt Layout does not fall under their jurisdiction. I tried my best to fill up the craters with cement concrete as the residents are complaining about the same," said a KHB Assistant Executive Engineer.

According to M N Srihari, a traffic and transportation engineering expert, using cement concrete to fill up potholes is not a good option.

"Bitumen will not mix with cement concrete. There will be a gap between cement concrete and bitumen. The gap will be widened during the monsoon and it will develop into a pothole again. So, it is not viable to use the same on asphalted roads," he said.

Meanwhile, residents blame the KHB authorities for filling up potholes and craters that developed on the roads that were asphalted last year. They said that they have complained to Karnataka Lokayukta about the poor infrastructure and sub-standard work done by the body at Bande Mutt Layout. A team of engineers from Karnataka Lokayukta are expected to visit the place on June 27 and 28 to inspect the infrastructure.

Cement on road has made matters worse in Bande Mutt Layout

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>
> –KHB Assistant Executive Engineer

"I spent a huge amount to bring an earth moving machine to retrieve my car which got stuck in slush on the road twice. This layout has no basic infrastructure. The KHB asphalted the roads last year but potholes developed within a few weeks," said Raghavendra Prasad, a resident, adding that one cannot enter the site meant for a park due to weeds and snakes.

Coming down heavily on the KHB authorities, TM Sateesh, a resident, said, "Residents staged a protest last year. We have been complaining to the authorities, but nothing is being done to fix our problems. With no option left, we approached Karnataka Lokayukta."

He said the KHB had engaged a contractor on Monday to fill up the potholes with cement concrete, but the concrete was already damaged after a heavy vehicle passed over the road.

"It seems the BBMP wanted the KHB to pay Rs 10 crore, but the latter is ready to pay only Rs 1.48 crore," Sateesh added.

Meanwhile, KHB Commissioner, Ramesh DS, said that the process of handing Bande Mutt Layout over had already kicked off last year.

"We are holding talks with the BBMP authorities on the topic," he said.

HILLS HAVE A DOCTOR

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lot of students. Later, I went on to join Sapthagiri Medical College in Hesaraghatta, there too as a professor of gastroenterology. I still wanted to do something for the people, till my last breath," said Dr Kumar.

That's when the doctor decided to start a charity clinic near Nandi Hills that would be open every Sunday for the benefit of the poor farmers in the vicinity. Dr Kumar would leave for Nandi Hills on Saturday so as to be open for consultation in his clinic from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday.

At the clinic, apart from seeing patients, he provides medicines free of cost. At a distance of 5 km from the clinic, he also has an ancestral dispensary where he would attend to a few more ailing citizens. In case, there is a need for advanced medical care such as surgery and so on, he refers patients to other hospitals.

"Near the Nandeeshwara Temple, there is a Nandi Polyclinic where I have been given a three-hour slot. Around 20-30 patients turn up; the numbers used to be higher pre-covid. Across the country, there is an acute shortage of doctors especially those serving economically backward citizens. Mostly, the poor have no access to private clinics and cannot afford private healthcare with their meagre wages. I have allocated some funds and come to Nandi Hills with a bag full of medicines. To avoid medicine wastage, I usually give them a week's worth of medicine and ask them to visit me again the coming week," he added.

The polyclinic near Nandeeswara Temple where the doctor sees patients

Born in Bhadravati, and as someone who grew up in schools with no benches, the doctor said he has a deep understanding of the plight of the poor.

"There were days when I had to conduct my clinic under an umbrella; I had a deep-rooted feeling to return to a place like home. Even though all my friends were settling abroad, I chose the armed forces; I will never leave this country until my hands and legs are able. Even while leaving the armed forces, my response was that I want to return to serving the farmers," he added.

The doctor has no supporting team for his initiative, and manages the facility himself.

"Nowadays, doctors tend to have less time for social work. Being an ex-serviceman, I have a pension that is sufficient for me and my wife. This job can only be undertaken by people with no monetary ambition. Students heading into their career with student loans will not accompany you. I realised long ago that I have to do this alone. However, I am open to anyone joining as well," added the doctor.

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Footpath fiasco

Millers Road

Pedestrians are forced to walk on the busy roads due to vendors on the pavement outside Canara bank, Millers Road.

Shoddy work

Srirampuram

This pothole covered by BBMP at 4th Cross, Srirampuram, needs to be looked into.

Nightmare street

AGB Layout

Sinkholes/potholes have become a nightmare for commuters at AGB Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road.

Fear of beautification lies in eyes of KR Market vendors

INTACH suggests major renovation of market area; sellers worry about disruption in biz

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Plans are afoot to completely renovate KR Market to convert it into a tourist hub

Following Smart City's plans to demolish KR Market for redevelopment, the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) intervened and suggested a major renovation of the market to transform it into a cultural hub. But vendors fear that any attempts at reconstruction will lead to their eviction or a disruption in business.

INTACH along with Institute of Urban Designers India (IUDI) held a meeting with representatives from the chicken, fish and mutton market to showcase the few facelift designs made by urban architects. While the designs were modelled to turn the market into more than just a meat market and fitting for a place with a lot of heritage value, there was some resistance from the vendors. INTACH also has planned an exhibition of the designs with various officials from BBMP and Bengaluru Smart City Limited.

While a few designs by the architects envisioned a major transformation of the market, some were minimalistic enough to provide access routes to existing buildings. Traders also suggested that any renovation must be designed without neglecting a few vendors. They said renovations are welcome, but they don't want too many changes to the existing structure.

Supposed to be built in 1921, KR Market is a historic site in the city housing more than 4,500 vendors. But due to apathy from authorities, the market has been in a state of neglect for a long. BBMP had issued eviction notices to them too, informing them about the demolition. As part of the Rs 17-crore Smart City plan, vendors would be shited to temporary sheds.

"We sell meat and it's a commodity that spoils easily. They cannot expect us to sell meat on the footpath. If we leave the shops, we will end up on footpaths just like the fate of the meat traders in Jayanagar and Madivala markets. We do not want too many changes and just want to restore the existing building," said one of the representatives from the meat market. The primary ask of these traders is for regular cleaning of the premises, unclogging of drainage lines and a water connection.

Another vendor also expressed doubt on whether the meat market can transform into a tourist location as it might not be well-received by non-meat eaters.

Being daily earners, vendors also had concerns over time consumed for renovation as it would affect their livelihood. "Over time, many have abandoned their shops. Due to the BBMP giving licensing to people around a 5-km radius, we have also lost customers. Any renovation will turn away customers and impact the business for the long term," said Arun Kumar TG, a shopkeeper in KR Market.

> **If we leave the shops, we will end up on footpaths just like meat traders in Jayanagar and Madivala markets**

Shopkeepers explained that earlier Bengalurean would flock to KR Market to buy meat but with meat shops popping up in other parts of the city, their customer base has by and large been locked.

"The designs will have to backed with a good policy to relocate the shopkeepers and continue with construction phase-wise allowing limited hampering of business. The last attempt of the renovation was left mid-way and has led to water leaking from the roofs. We were given notices to vacate the premises and no guarantee of getting our spot back. The primary issue these designs should solve is to ensure water connection in the area to ensure the hygiene of the area. Pourakarmikaras also refuse to clean the area," added Kumar.

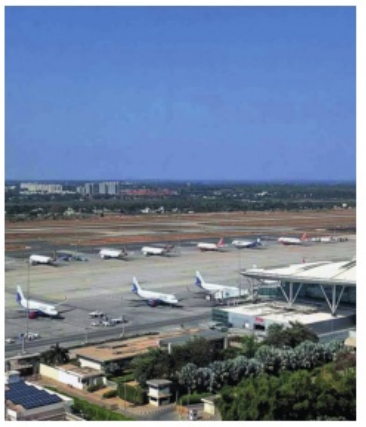
Kumar added that the facelift could help increase the number of customers. "Due to the unhygienic environment, people are shying away from KR Market. Earlier there was a sale of 1,000 kg of mutton but it has reduced to 200 kg. Utilising the available space for cultural activities and eateries can help boost the business," he added.

Possible to retain?

An expert team involved with the design proposals said that it could be theoretically possible to retain the structure in its current state. "Investigation should be done by experts; our proposal comes with the caveat that we are not assuming anything. As per our observation, a lot of structural reinforcements are exposed, there is a breakage in the concrete at a few places, and the slabs don't seem to be in good condition. There is also wetness which could lead to degradation of the structure. Theoretically, it could be possible to re-strengthen such buildings but it might raise costs," said an expert.

Hot air: Flight grounded at KIA due to AC issues

Around 70 Hyderabad-bound passengers had to endure an ordeal after the air-conditioning system failed in a Hyderabad-bound flight at Kempegowda International Airport on Friday. The flight was to take off at 6.30 pm when one of the passengers shouted that 'hot air' was coming from the blower. "The temperature was rising by the minute inside the aircraft when the propellers began to spin and ready to take off. From normal room temperature, it shot up to 42 degrees," said a passenger. Eventually, at around 6.45 pm, the airline decided to deplane the passengers out of which 10 to 15 passengers decided to abandon their journey and return to Bengaluru city from the airport.



Tension prevailed after passengers entered into a heated argument with the ground staff at the airport as it was announced that the flight would take off at 8.30 pm. Later, another announcement came forth that the plane journey had been aborted due to 'technical malfunction' and another flight arriving from Kochi to Bengaluru was rerouted to Hyderabad at 10.35 pm.

"We reached Hyderabad at around 12.10 am and reached home very late. We had to wait at the airport for several hours. This isn't the first time the flight had been cancelled over the same issue. We checked and learnt that it had happened before," a passenger said. He also confirmed that the humidity indication in flight had shot up to 42 degrees from 31 degrees. —BMB

Bridge to connect rail, Metro

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Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) is set to launch foot overbridges (FOB) at three separate Metro stations — Yeshwanthpur Metro station and Nagasandra on the Green line, and Jnanabharathi station on the Purple line soon.

The Yeshwanthpur FOB will be made functional by the end of January 2023, said BL Yashavanth Chavan, Chief PRO of BMRCL. "Construction work is in progress here. We are meeting with the huge utilities that are infringing on the construction work, there is no delay in the work."

The foot overbridge at Yeshwanthpur will connect to Platform 6 at the South Western Railway line at Yeshwanthpur. The length of the FOB connecting Yeshwanthpur Metro to the railway station is 87.7m.

At Jnanabharathi station also construction work is under progress, Chavan informed. The foot overbridge is expected to open to the public by the end of February 2023. This bridge will connect the station to the Jnanabharathi railway station.

> **Yeshwanthpur bridge to be ready by Jan 2023, Jnanabharathi by Feb 2023**

The demand for these overbridges is long-standing. Commuters face problems to carrying heavy bags while crossing from the Metro to the railway station. The overbridges aim to improve multimodal integration of Metro.

Bridge to a private store

Ikea, the furniture store that recently opened up in Bengaluru, is also constructing a foot-over-bridge (FoB) from its store to the station located on Tumakuru Road. The FOB, the first such to connect a Metro station to a store, is likely to be ready by December 2022.

The Nagasandra Metro station has a functional overbridge across NH-48, to facilitate people to cross the jam-packed NH-48.

In February 2022, BMRCL signed a contract of Rs. 12.45 crore to construct foot overbridges across 6 stations: Yeshwanthpur, Dasarahalli, Nagasandra, Mailasandra, Jnanabharathi, and Chikkabidarakallu. The construction at other locations is also expected to commence soon.

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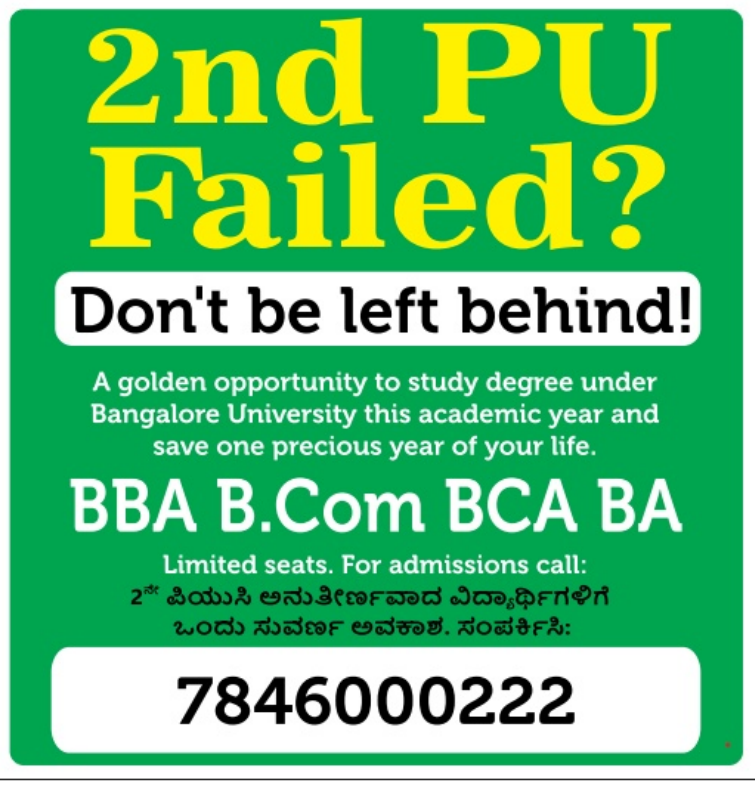
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Thoughts with kin in flood-hit Silchar

Many who made city their home spend tense days unable to get in touch with relatives

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An aerial view of the flood-affected area of Silchar in Assam on Thursday

Over 45 lakh people living in Assam have been affected by the recent floods that have claimed over 100 lives. Despite floodwaters starting to recede in many places, the situation in Silchar still remains worrisome.

Some people who are originally from Silchar, and have shifted to Bengaluru for work or studies, say that it has been a difficult time for them. They have not been able to contact their friends or family.

Atlanta Guha, staying in Electronic City, has his family in the flood-hit city.

He said, "I have not been able to call my parents for 2 days. There is no network coverage, and even though the internet is working somehow, they are not being able to use it. Hence, it is becoming very difficult for them to communicate. I am a doctor, which is why I cannot leave my patients and go either. The daily footage that I am receiving is making me extremely worried."

People say that there has been no power in their city for the last few days, and they are not getting proper drinking water either.

Harshita Ghosh, residing in Indiranagar, said that her family stays in the Malugram area of Silchar, and the condition there is worsening.

"My family lives in Silchar, and for the last two days, they are not getting drinking water. They had to hire a generator so that they could use it to get drinking water –Rohit Paul, Marathahalli resident

"Our building's ground floor is completely submerged under water. My sister just gave birth to her daughter a month ago and is still recovering. They are not getting proper medicines. The main market is completely waterlogged and people are coming out on the roads to sell things, but even that is getting over fast. I tried to send them some money yesterday because the ATM is not working, but even that transaction failed. The only communication that I have with them is through Whatsapp, but that is useless when the internet goes away."

Rohit Paul, residing in Marathahalli, said, "My family is staying in Silchar, and for the last two days, they are not getting drinking water. They had to hire a generator so that they could use it to get drinking water. They are not able to talk to me either because there is no power and they have not been able to charge any of their devices."

CS curriculum to be rejigged for next year

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The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSD) is now in the process of changing its curriculum for the company secretary course. The change is likely to be implemented in 2023.

According to ICSI sources, the entire CS curriculum is being changed under the New Education Policy (NEP). The new curriculum will focus more on skill development to enable students to get jobs internationally.

According to officials, the ICSI has studied the NEP for a year and the changes are being made after experts' advice. The new curriculum will be made available for public review from July 16 and after accommodating suggestions, the final curriculum will come into effect from June 2023.

Officials say that the new curriculum will have options to select papers so that students can pursue specialisations. The ICSI has requested the University Grants Commission to allow company secretaries with 10 years of professional experience to teach at CS colleges.

As per National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, implementation of the policy requires multiple initiatives and actions, which are to be taken up in a synchronised and systematic manner, by multiple bodies including the Ministry of Education, the Central Advisory Board of Education, State/UT Governments, education-related Ministries, State Departments of Education, Boards, regulatory bodies of school and higher education, NCERT, SCERTs, schools and Higher educational institutions. The policy provides different timelines for important themes/subsets as well as principles and methodology for its implementation. Accordingly, this Ministry has communicated to all States/UT Governments to take steps for implementation of NEP 2020 in letter and spirit.

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Vet waste awareness

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virus neutralisation treatment for her dogs after they died because she was not aware that any such thing should be done.

Gayatri, working with Reimagine Waste, a waste management service organisation, emphasised that most of the waste that is generated by veterinary facilities is not effectively managed.

"Animal waste should be separated at the source itself. However, that is not always done. When an animal dies because of sickness, no one pays heed. Pet owners should take their pets to the veterinarian for virus denaturalisation therapy so that the virus is contained after the pet dies and is buried. There are various illnesses that might be transmitted by animals and are dangerous to humans. It has a negative impact on the environment," she said.

She added that animal waste that is generated in the veterinary facilities form a large part of the biomedical waste.

Dr Nawaz Shariff, Vet, People for Animals, said, "animal waste is a part of biomedical waste and should be treated with utmost care. It should be managed properly, and vets should be given proper instructions regarding disposal of such waste."

A senior environmental officer of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, told Bangalore Mirror, "Karnataka has 236 animal homes and 361 veterinary institutes. However, there is no proper application to organise animal waste as we do for waste disposal for public healthcare. At waste disposal plants, I believe animal bio-medical waste is mixed with biomedical waste from hospitals."

Animal waste generated in the veterinary facilities form a large part of the biomedical waste and there is no mechanism to dispose this waste

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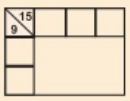
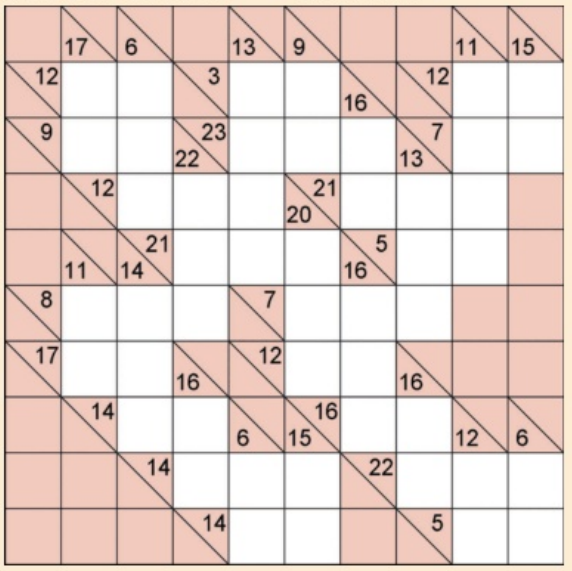
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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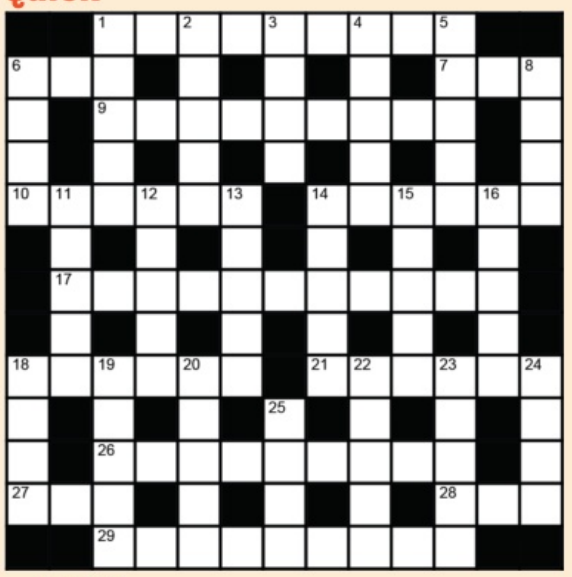


ACROSS

1 National park home to many tigers and elephants (9)
6 Measures of speed at sea (3)
7 Promise (3)
9 Loquacious (9)
10 Disappear (6)
14 Undivided (6)
17 Pronounced with emphasis (11)
18 Come out (6)
21 Procession; cavalcade (6)
26 Taking or appropriating (9)
27 Affirmative vote (3)
28 India's real-time payment system (3)
29 Utterly poor and needy (9)

DOWN

1 Out? (3,2)
2 Swallows greedily (5)
3 Cut the grain crop (4)
4 Edible bulb (5)
5 Occurrence (5)
6 Capital of Ukraine (4)
8 Oak, mahogany, etc (4)
11 Anxiety, apprehension or fear (5)
12 Bring on oneself (5)
13 Door-opening device (5)
14 Supplant (5)
15 Bury in a grave (5)
16 Terminated or cancelled (5)
18 Jane Austen novel (4)
19 Plant firmly (5)
20 Young ladies (5)
22 A word meaning good-bye (5)
23 Quarrel (5)
24 Needle case (4)
25 Mongolian desert (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS G

ZSS BYF ACLZS JNRCKCBLK ZFN QZJN CL Z KMZMN BA QCLJ MDZM CK LBM UBCLU MB SZKM.

Linemaro

I wish I could be there to watch you sleep, to watch you breathe, to watch you dream a dream

Mindchow

Asking a stupid question is better than repairing a stupid mistake

Joke of the day

After the tragic death of the Human Cannonball at the Kent Show, a spokesman said "We'll struggle to get another man of the same calibre."

Loop

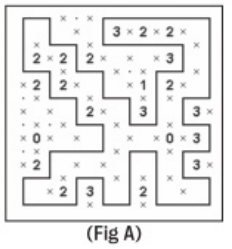
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

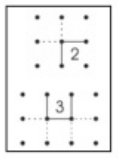
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

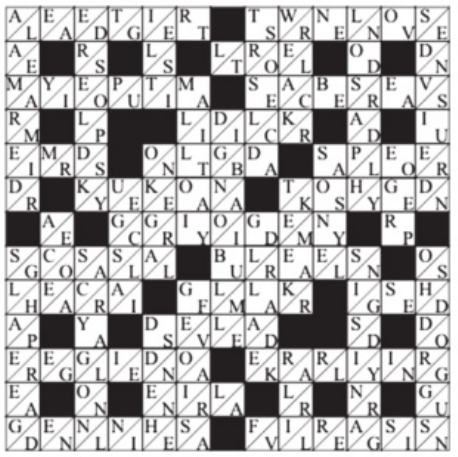


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

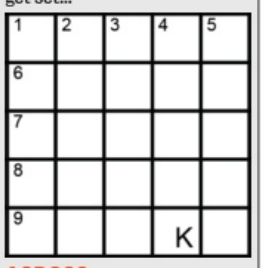
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Sum my; 6 A tale; 7 Eg sad; 8 I acme; 9 Smack

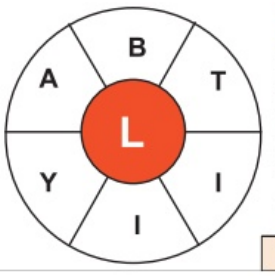
DOWN

1 Dam am; 2 A mule; 3 Gamic; 4 Tacks; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

What is X?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	9		2		3		8	
	7	1				5	4	
	1			2			5	
		4		7		6		
	6			9			1	
	5	8				1	2	
	4		1		9		7	
		7				9		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

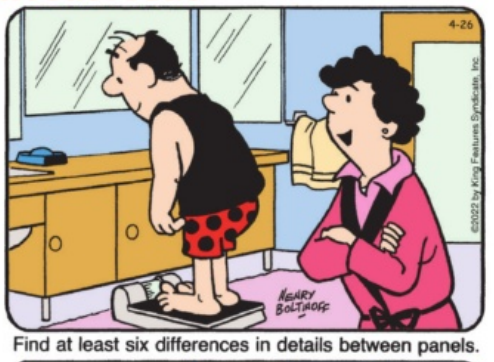
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 16
4 5 8 9

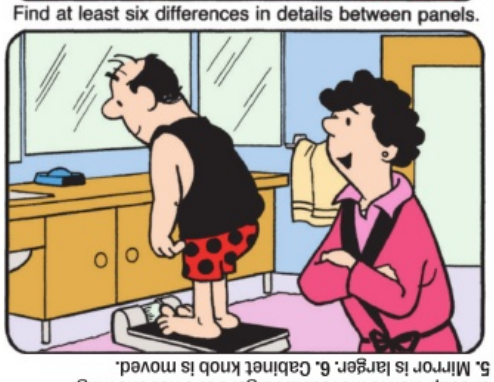
Medium ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 3
2 4 5 9

Hard ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 29
2 5 7 5

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Scale is larger. 2. Towel is longer. 3. Soap dish is moved. 4. Fingers are not showing. 5. Mirror is larger. 6. Cabinet knob is moved.

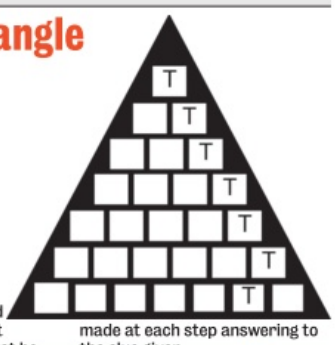
Riddler

When you curtail a word, you remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Moon depression -> Large box
2. One who digs for ore -> Belonging to me
3. Police person -> Place of work
4. Vocalist -> Scorch; burn superficially

Alpha triangle

1 Terabyte
2 Pronoun
3 Batter
4 Sword handle
5 Illumination
6 Dismount
7 Biblical giant



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

PHARMACY
PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED
I'M AFRAID THE MEDICINE MAN'S REALLY DONE IT THIS TIME! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD OF THIS GIBBERISH!!
4/13
WAIT A MINUTE! I HANDED YOU MY INCOME TAX FORM INSTEAD OF MY PRESCRIPTION
PHARMACY
PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED

Bizarrotrip

Wayno & 7 Piraro 4-23-22
Can we wait till I assume the throne before we consider having tadpoles?
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Diamond Lil

DICK THE FLY:
I'M TIRED OF DYING OVER AND OVER!
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JUST ONCE, I'D LIKE TO STILL BE ALIVE IN THE LAST PANEL!
OK
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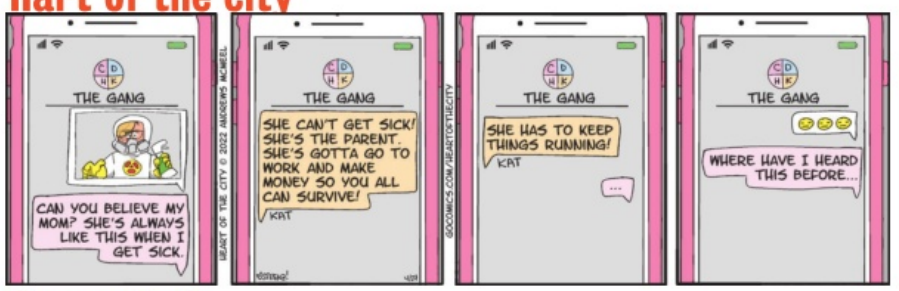
NOT WHAT I MEANT!
DICK

Hart of the city


THE GANG
CAN YOU BELIEVE MY MOM? SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WHEN I GET SICK.
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THE GANG
SHE CAN'T GET SICK! SHE'S THE PARENT. SHE'S GOTTA GO TO WORK AND MAKE MONEY SO YOU ALL CAN SURVIVE!
KAT
@COMICS.COM/HEARTOFTHECITY
THE GANG
SHE HAS TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING!
KAT
THE GANG
WHERE HAVE I HEARD THIS BEFORE...

Crankshaft

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD RUN A LAWN SPRINKLER IN THE ATTIC!
AND NOW IT'S LEAKING DOWNSTAIRS!
RELAX... IT'S JUST WATER...
AND SOME FERTILIZER WITH THREE STRAINS OF MICROBIAL SPECIES...
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Try to control your straightforward nature today as it could affect communication with people around you. You may plan to renovate your house or buy artefacts for decoration. You are likely to enjoy a social event which may increase your network. You may also invest some capital in your family business.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Sound sleep may leave you feeling healthy and you could be enjoying every moment. The moon will make you confident, which may seep into your way of working. Old health issues may be resolved now. You are likely to help some needy person, which could make people respect you more.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel unhappy, dull, or unhealthy. It could affect your way of working if you are not cautious. There may be some delay in your current projects which may lead to arrogance. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds must be careful as unpleasantness could cause break-ups.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may get a big order which could increase your business. With the help of some influential person, you are likely to get some benefit at work. You can also expect promotions. Job seekers may find suitable work. You are likely to plan renovation of your house or office, which will enhance your status. Expect romantic moments with your loved one.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy at work, and overload could make you mentally tired. You may not be able to enjoy a family event, or you may arrive very late. This could affect domestic harmony. Your efficiency may be praised by your seniors, which may lead to a promotion.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the elders. Unpleasant situations may be resolved now, and destiny will help you. Your halted projects are likely to start again. Money which was stuck may also be recovered. You can plan a spiritual trip with family members to increase your inner strength. Overseas travel can be on the cards.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be affected by the negative moon, which may make you upset and arrogant. You should be ready for sudden and unexpected changes in your routine today. Your profits can convert to losses, hence, it is advised to postpone investing for a few days. You may be in the self-exploration stage, which can guide you towards the reality of life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Money which was stuck may be recovered now. This would improve your financial health. You may be in a prime position at work to lead a project. You are likely to get incentives in terms of promotions. Understanding with the spouse will be good and lead to harmony.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Many problems could be resolved with your way of speaking today. You may also plan for higher studies to enhance your skills as it can be beneficial for your career in the near future. Lovebirds may enjoy romantic moments. You will have control over your opponents and rivals. You may also plan to take a house or vehicle loan.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be busy with your children's education. You are likely to travel for the same. You may also plan for a change in your current job or plan for higher education to enhance your career. You could hear some good news in terms of a job interview. Lovebirds may share happy moments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are likely to see a change in your place or position. You are advised to read any document carefully before signing it. You are advised to be careful in terms of your parent's health. Investment in risky assets could lead to losses. It is suggested to postpone the same for some days.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon and may be energetic. You could be making fast decisions in terms of your business. Your juniors may help you complete a project before time, which may build greater trust in the environment. Disputes with siblings should be resolved now. Promotions may come knocking.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
When it is 12 a.m., adding six hours makes it 6 a.m.

BULL'S EYE
ABILITY, ably, alibi, bail, tail

QUOTE UNCODE
All our final decisions are made in a state of mind that is not going to last.

RIDDLER
1. Crater -> Crate,
2. Miner -> Mine,
3. Officer -> Office,
4. Singer -> Singe

FAST FIVE

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A	M	I	C	E
M	A	C	K	S

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
41/2 or 4.5. In each quarter halve each total of the rings up to and including the centre. Thus, in the bottom left quarter: 24 plus 12 = 36, 11 plus 7= 18, 6 plus 3= 9, Therefore x = 41.2 or 4.5.

SUDOKU

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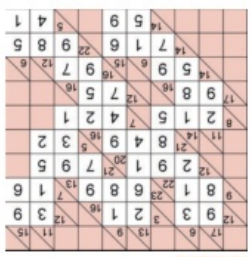
5	2	4	8	7	1	6	3	9
6	4	2	1	8	9	3	7	5
1	3	7	5	4	2	9	6	8

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 4 – 5 + 9 = 16
Medium
5 – 2 x 4 – 9 = 3
Hard
5 + 7 x 2 + 5 = 29

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, It, Hit, Hilt, Light, Alight, Goliath.

LOOP

KAKURO



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On the pros and cons of fame

Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty Kundra, who made her big-screen comeback with the latest release 'Nikamma', said fame is a double-edged sword.

Talking about the cons of stardom, Shilpa said: "Fame is a double-edged sword but you have to appreciate it and the cons are something that you need to take in your stride... It would be the end of your career or stint in the industry if people allow you to eat 'pani puri' without bothering you, I would say that would be something that would be worrisome."

Shilpa said she is "grateful for all the love and appreciation".

She added: "It does get a little daunting where people don't know when to draw the line because we are not monkeys in a zoo, we are here to entertain and I have heartfelt gratitude for all the love that comes my way.

"But sometimes when you have worked very hard and you try to a take a break with your family and sometimes when you are at the airport and you are holding your two-year-old's hand and somebody just comes in and wants a selfie.. It is scary sometimes but otherwise it is all the part and parcel of the fame game."

Shilpa will next be seen in Rohit Shetty's 'Indian Police Force', a cop action drama web series.

Stunner in blue

Actor Jacqueline Fernandez who never fails to catch the eyeballs with her hot and stunning looks and this time the 'Attack' actor, on Sunday, turned up the heat with her latest social media post looking drop-dead gorgeous.

"It's all about the details" the actor captioned the post followed by a blue heart emoticon.

The 'Housefull 2' actor donned a shining deep-neck light short blue dress, paired up with matching heels and open hair. She struck a hot pose inside a cinema hall, sitting on the side of a recliner seat, looking away from the camera.

In the second picture, Jacqueline can be seen laid on her back, while she put both her legs on a car, which is mounted on a wall, with her hands on her shoulders, looking straight into the camera. The 'Kick' actor in the third picture, struck a bold side pose, flaunting her legs, and flipping her hair, looking away from the camera.

Jacqueline stunned everyone with her new hot look. Fans flooded the comment section with heart and fire emojis.

Meanwhile, on the work front, the actor was last seen in 'Attack- Part 1' with John Abraham and Rakul Preet Singh and she will be next seen in Kichcha Sudeep's 'Vikrant Rona' which is slated to release on July 28, 2022, 'Ram Setu' opposite Akshay Kumar which will release on Diwali this year and in 'Cirkus' with Ranveer Singh and Pooja Hegde which is going to hit the theatres on the occasion of Christmas 2022.

Sam in Dubai for girls' night out

For a girls' night out in Dubai, actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu and her closest friend Shilpa Reddy got together. Sahitya Reddy, the sister of Shilpa Reddy, joined them.

Pictures from their meeting in Dubai had everyone's attention. Shilpa Reddy uploaded a photo to Instagram with the caption: "Wonderful to have had an unexpected chance to finally make My sister meet Sam and Sam meet my sister My two favourite women & Well , Dheva always Finds it fun to catch up with Sam Aunty too #dubaidaires Samantha Ruth Prabhu @sahityareddy."

She also shared another pic with Samantha and wrote: "Guess whom did we have a chance to catch up with in Dubai".

On the work front, Samantha has a number of high-profile films scheduled for release in the near future, including the Hindi drama Citadel, Yashoda, and Gunasekhar's magnum opus: Shakuntalam. In the Hollywood film Arrangement of Love, Samantha will be seen portraying a significant role. Samantha Ruth Prabhu is the female lead alongside Arjun Reddy fame Vijay Deverakonda's next rom-com Kushi.

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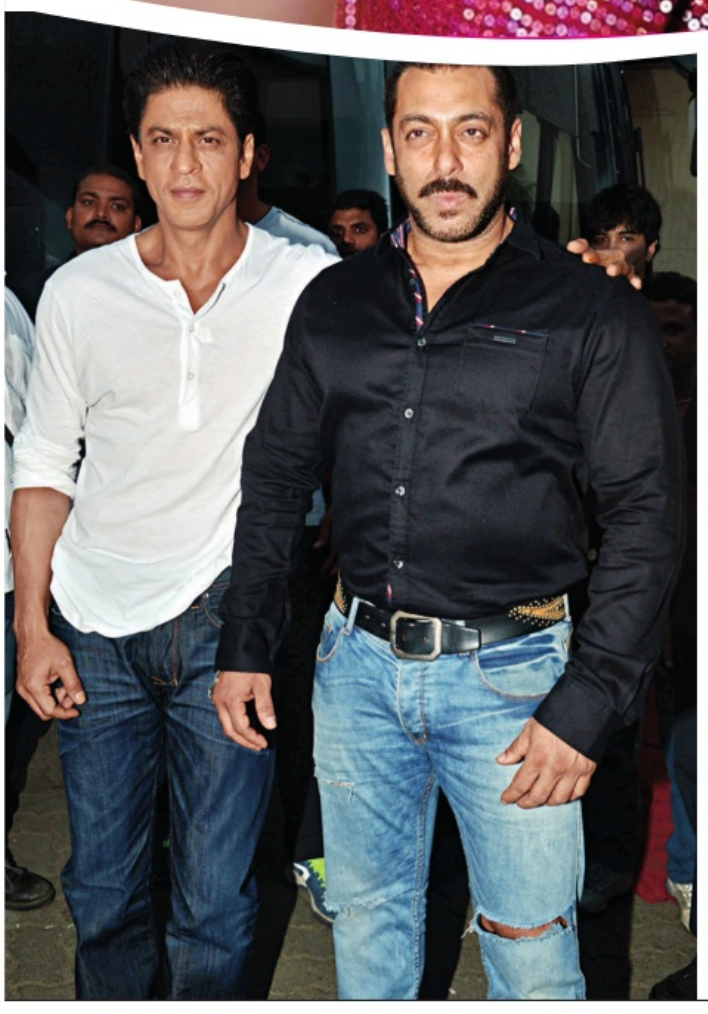

Brothers in arms

Shah Rukh Khan had his first Instagram live session on Saturday evening. During the AskSRK interaction, the actor talked about his upcoming action-adventure 'Pathaan', completing 30 years in the industry and working with Salman Khan.

A fan asked Khan about his experience working with Salman. To which he said, "With Salman Khan, there is no working experience. There is only love experience, happy experiences, friendly experiences and brotherly experiences. So, it is amazing whenever I get to work with him. But the last 2 years have been fantastic, I got to be in his film. He came in 'Zero'. I will be in 'Tiger' also.

The 'Raees' actor added, "We haven't done a full-fledged film together apart from 'Karan Arjun', which also was not full-fledged as we were not together in it for too long. So, we get to work four-five days in a year sometimes. Last two years have been fantastic as I got to be in one of his films. I had a couple of days role with Kabir Khan. And he came in 'Zero' and did a song with me."

Shah Rukh went on to add, "Salman is like family. He is like a brother. We don't know who is the elder brother. Whoever makes a mistake, the other one is there."